Department Rules Implementing Custom Exempt Slaughter Are Now In Effect

Effective immediately, the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Meat and Poultry Inspection (BMPI) Type I licensed establishment can apply for exemptions to slaughter animals without inspection and/or to process uninspected product. Type I Establishments wishing to use this exemption must apply for it using a specific form. The form, Request for Exemption for Type I Establishment, (*MI_RequestForExemption_Type1_Fillable.pdf*) is a fillable PDF form that must be submitted each year. It expires every December 31st.

In order to assist State inspectors in monitoring separation of inspected and uninspected product, the inspectors need to be aware of the number of uninspected carcasses and amount of uninspected meat products entering each facility. State law also requires establishments to keep records of all uninspected product entering their premises. To assist establishments, BMPI has developed two forms:

1) The **Monthly Report of Animals Slaughtered Under Custom Exemption in Type I Establishments** (*MI-30 CE.pdf*).

2) And, the **Monthly Report of Animal and Poultry Products Processed Under Custom Exemption** (*MI-35f CE.pdf*)**.** This form should be used to list carcasses and parts of carcasses that were slaughtered off site without inspection and then brought into the establishment for further processing. Processing of animals slaughtered under inspection, and processing of animals that are listed on the MI-30 CE form (Monthly Report of Animals Slaughtered Under Custom Exemption in Type I Establishments**)** do not need to be listed on this form.

To protect inspected product in Type I facilities, the BMPI has put in place a set of rules to assist establishments with handling uninspected product and keeping it separate form inspected product. (http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/008/008001250B01510R.html) Following the rules and regulations is a requirement to be allowed to use this exemption.

Establishments that do not wish to start custom exempt slaughter or accept uninspected product do not need to do anything at this time. They can continue as before and they have no new requirements.

If you have any questions concerning the new rules for custom exempt slaughter and processing of carcasses and/or parts that were not inspected please ask your inspection team or call the BMPI office at 218-782 6684; we would be glad to assist.